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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16, 18-27 and 29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16, 18-27 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. Claims 14-16, 18-19, 21-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maggenti US006633765B1 in view of Amada US005559804A.

As to claim 14, Maggenti discloses a method for transmitting payload information in a radio communication system having a radio network controller [102], a base station [104,106]

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and subscriber stations [108,110,112], with the base station being connected to the subscriber stations via a radio communication interface (see fig. 1, 3; see col. 3, lines 16-25, 38-53), the method comprising: connecting the radio network controller to an access facility of a core network and to the base station (see fig. 1, 3); making the payload information available as a service to the subscribers, the payload information being made available from the access network, via the radio network controller and the base station (see col. 4, lines 15-38); sending a request notification to at least some of the subscriber stations, the request notification announcing that a transmission of the payload information is pending (see col. 4, lines 46- 67), requesting that the subscriber stations reply [register] before the payload information is transmitted to the subscribers stations; and transmitting the payload information only to subscriber stations from which a reply was received (see col. 4, lines 59-62) or also when at least one device of the local subnet has replied (see col. 4, lines 46 - col. 5, line 45; col. 6, line 45-53). Maggenti does not specifically disclose including an information field that indicates whether or not a reply to requested notification should be sent. In an analogous art, Amada discloses including an information field that indicates whether or not a reply to requested notification should be sent (see fig. 3, col. 8, lines 10-21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention was made to include a reply field in order to indicate that a reply is requested in order to confirm the selection.

As to claim 15, Maggenti discloses a method wherein the request notification is not sent to all subscriber stations (see col. 4, lines 50-52).

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As to claim 16, Maggenti discloses a method wherein the request notification is sent to subscriber stations selected based on the subscriber stations assignment to radio cells (see col. 9, line 60 – col. 10, line 25).

As to claim 18, Maggenti discloses a method wherein the radio network controller makes a decision regarding which subscriber stations are to receive the request notification (see col. 4, lines 46 - col. 5, line 45; col. 6, line 45-53).

As to claim 19, Maggenti discloses a method wherein a decision is made regarding which subscriber stations are to receive the request notification, and the decision is based on criterion specific [location] to the radio network of the radio communication system (see col. 9, line 60 – col. 10, line 25).

As to claim 21, Maggenti discloses a method wherein replies from the subscriber stations are not transmitted concurrently (see col. 6, line 7-10).

As to claim 22, Maggenti discloses a method wherein replies from the subscriber stations are transmitted at random (see col. 6, line 7-10).

As to claim 23, Maggenti discloses a method wherein replies from the subscriber stations are transmitted in a controlled manner with regard to time of sending the request notification (see col. 6, line 10-24).

As to claim 24, Maggenti discloses a method wherein the request notification is used to configure the subscriber stations for the payload information (see col. 8, lines 1-38).

As to claim 25, Maggenti discloses a method wherein transmission of the payload information for a group of subscriber stations takes place following receipt of the reply from one subscriber station of the group (see col. 5, lines 1-5).

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As to claim 26, Maggenti discloses a radio communication system for transmitting payload information as a service to a plurality of subscriber stations, comprising: a radio network controller [102] connected to an access facility of a core network; a base station [104, 106] connected to the radio network controller (see fig. 1, 3); subscriber stations connected to the base station via a radio communication interface (see fig. 1, 3; see col. 3, lines 16-25, 38-53); a supply unit [114] to make the payload information available as a service to a plurality of subscribers stations (see col. 4, lines 3-15, 46-67); a request unit to send a request notification to at least some of the subscriber stations by the subscriber stations reply before the payload information is transmitted to the subscriber stations; and a transmit unit to transmit the payload information to subscriber stations from which a reply was received (see col. 4, lines 46 - col. 5, line 45; col. 6, line 45-53); the request notification announcing that a transmission of the payload information is pending (see col. 4, lines 46- 67), requesting that the subscriber stations reply [register] before the payload information is transmitted to the subscribers stations; and transmitting the payload information only to subscriber stations from which a reply was received (see col. 4, lines 59-62) or also when at least one device of the local subnet has replied (see col. 4, lines 46 - col. 5, line 45; col. 6, line 45-53). Maggenti does not specifically disclose including an information field that indicates whether or not a reply to requested notification should be sent. In an analogous art, Amada discloses including an information field that indicates whether or not a reply to requested notification should be sent (see fig. 3, col. 8, lines 10-21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention was made to include a reply field in order to indicate that a reply is requested in order to confirm the selection.

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As to claim 27, Maggenti discloses a radio communication system wherein the request notification is not sent to all subscriber stations (see col. 4, lines 50-52).

Regarding claim 29 is rejected for the same reasons as shown in claim 14.

5. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maggenti in view of Amada US005559804A and further in view of 3GPP TS 22.146 V5.2.0 (2002-03), 3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Stage 1 (Release 5).

As to claim 20, Maggenti discloses a method everything as explained above except for wherein a decision is made regarding which subscriber stations are to receive the request notification (see col. 9, line 60 – col. 10, line 25). The combination of Maggenti and Amada does not specifically disclose the decision takes into consideration at least one factor selected from the group consisting of configuration of the radio network of the radio communication system, existing knowledge on a radio network side about subscribers, utilization of radio resources in the radio network, utilization of radio resources in areas of the radio network, and specific properties of the service. In an analogous art, 3GPP document discloses the decision takes into consideration existing knowledge on a radio network side about subscribers and utilization of radio resources in the radio network (see section 4.2.1). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to take in consideration the radio resources when transmitting to manage the wireless resources and avoid wasting the limited bandwidth.

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Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARCOS L. TORRES whose telephone number is (571)272-7926. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-252-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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